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To: Field Managers, Nevada

From: State Director, Nevada

Subject: Expiration of 3809 Notices Filed Prior to January 20, 2001 DD: 07/15/2002

The revised surface management regulations at 43 CFR 3809.300 through 3809.335 have established an expiration date for those notices that were submitted prior to January 20, 2001; the effective date of the revised regulations. Notices submitted prior to January 20, 2001, that have not been amended will expire on January 20, 2003.

In order for notice-level operators to continue non-reclamation operations after January 20, 2003, operators must either extend their notices in accordance with the regulations at 43 CFR 3809.333 and meet the bonding requirements of section 3809.503, or file a new notice under section 3809.301 or a plan of operations under section 3809.401, as required by section 3809.300(d).

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Nevada has approximately 2,300 notices that will expire on January 20, 2003. In order to provide customer service and allow operators time to meet the revised regulation requirements, avoid noncompliance issues, and to help manage a possible overwhelming, sudden workload for the BLM, notice-level operators need to be notified of the expiration date of existing notices, as well as the new requirements of the revised surface management regulations.

This Instruction Memorandum (IM) directs each Field Office to notify each operator with an open pre-January 20, 2001, notice of the new requirements of the revised 3809 regulations and the time frames established by the regulations. Notification to operators should be completed by July 15, 2002.

For your review and possible use, attached is a copy of the notification letter developed by the Battle Mountain Field Office in notifying their notice-level operators of the revised 3809 requirements.

If you have any questions concerning this IM, please contact Larry Steward, Geologist, Division of Minerals Management, at (775) 861-6575.

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1 Attachment

1. Notification Letter (2 pp)